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Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

January 15, 1991

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OR91-030

Dear Mr. LaBrec:

You ask whether certain information requested by John Edward Rapier, P.C., is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 11104.

We have considered the exception you claimed, specifically section 3(a)(3), and have reviewed the documents at issue. Previous determinations of this office, Open Records Decision Nos. 551 (1990), 221 (1979), and 146 (1976), copies of which are enclosed, resolve your request. Copies of the law, minutes of public meetings, and documents integral to the electoral process may not be withheld under section 3(a)(3). Accordingly, you must release the city charter, city ordinance, city council minutes, recall petitions, justice department preclearance of the charter, and the secretary of state's certification of the filing of the charter. You may withhold the memorandum of June 8, 1990.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR91-030.

Yours very truly,

Susan Garrison

Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure: Open Records Decision Nos. 551, 221, 146

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